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Dear Mr. Bagde:

This letter contains the staff report, signed resolution, and CTIPS printout for SBCAG 2004 FTIP Amendment #5 which was approved by the SBCAG Board on March 17, 2005.

The amendment adds one new project to the 2004 FTIP: Operating Assistance for two bus runs. Further details of this amendment can be found in the attached staff report and CTIPS printout.

In adopting the amendment, SBCAG finds that this project is air quality conformity exempt and that the changes remain consistent with the original 2004 FTIP conformity analysis. SBCAG finds the 2004 FTIP in continuing conformance with the State Implementation Plan for Santa Barbara County.

The 2004 FTIP remains financially constrained and no change is required in the financial plan for the FTIP.

If you have any further questions regarding this amendment, please contact me at (805) 961-8915 (email: jasuncion@sbcbag.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Asuncion". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John R. Asuncion
Transportation Planner

Enclosure

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STAFF REPORT**SUBJECT:** 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment**MEETING DATE:** March 17, 2005**AGENDA ITEM:** 11**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to program Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds to increase Route 10 service between Nipomo and Santa Maria operated by the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority.

DISCUSSION:

Each year the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allocates FTA "5307" transit operating assistance funds to urbanized areas. The funds are apportioned on the basis of population and population density in the urbanized areas. Projects that are funded with 5307 funds are, by federal regulation, selected by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (SBCAG) in consultation with the State and transit operators. SBCAG has traditionally allocated 100% of the 5307 funds apportioned to each of its three urbanized areas to the transit districts in those areas. The three urbanized areas in the SBCAG region are: Santa Barbara, Lompoc, and Santa Maria.

Prior to the 2000 census, the Santa Maria urbanized area consisted of the urbanized parts of the City of Santa Maria and the unincorporated community of Orcutt. The only transit operator in the area that received funding was the Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT). In the 2000 census process, new rules were used to draw urbanized area boundaries. For the first time, the Santa Maria urbanized area extended across the county line into southern San Luis Obispo County and included Nipomo, which is served by the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA). In 2003, when 2000 census data began to impact 5307 apportionments, the Santa Maria urbanized area began receiving higher apportionments as a result of the inclusion of the Nipomo area population.

In 2004, the staffs from SBCAG, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG), the city of Santa Maria, and SLORTA began discussing how the approximately \$1.8 million/yr. in annual 5307 funds should be shared in the Santa Maria Urbanized area under the new urbanized area definition which includes Nipomo.

The staffs agreed that SLORTA should not receive funding for 03/04, even though it was eligible to, since 100% of the 5307 funds had been used by SMAT to serve people within the urbanized area and because SLORTA had not provided additional service in the urbanized area in 03/04. To determine funding for an "interim" period of the 04/05 and 05/06 fiscal years, the staffs examined population, transit ridership, and transit route miles of the urbanized area and

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reached a consensus that SLORTA should receive \$162,000 per fiscal year for two additional round trip bus runs from Nipomo to Santa Maria. SLORTA currently provides eight round trips between the two areas using other funding and would continue to do so. Assuming the SBCAG Board agrees to program the funds, the staffs would monitor the new runs, including collecting ridership and farebox data, and report the information to their respective policy bodies to determine if service should continue. SBCAG staff believes that, without a cooperative agreement in place between SBCAG and SLOCOG stating otherwise, SBCAG would have the final say over whether the service would continue. This is, however, the subject of discussion with SLOCOG and FTA.

SLOCOG has presented SBCAG with an MOU to establish a longer term funding agreement covering Nipomo, setting out a decision making system for 5307 funding in the Santa Maria urbanized area which SBCAG staff is analyzing. SBCAG staff believes that the long term usage of the \$162,000/yr. in 5307 funds requires additional discussion and analysis before a recommendation can be made to the SBCAG Board on whether to accept the MOU. The flexibility that SBCAG has in funding, for example, additional SMAT services or the Clean Air Express with the \$162,000 would require additional discussion between the Federal Transit Agency, SBCAG, SLOCOG and the city of Santa Maria. Therefore, the recommendation for an FTIP amendment is to fund the two additional frequencies to Nipomo on an "interim" basis covering 04/05 and 05/06. Staff would return at a later date with a recommendation on an MOU and longer term funding strategy.

STAFF CONTACT: John Asuncion

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVING THE 2004 FEDERAL)
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT)
PROGRAM (AMENDMENT 5))

RESOLUTION NO. 05-10

WHEREAS, Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, part 450, and Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, part 613, require the preparation and updating of a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) by the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, SBCAG, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation planning process with applicable federal requirements, has prepared a 2004 FTIP; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP has been prepared in cooperation with state and local government agencies including Caltrans, local transit operators; and the Air Pollution Control District; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP must be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 6508; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP projects have been developed from the 2001 RTP and 2003 Congestion Management Program (CMP); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP includes only air quality conformity exempt projects; and

WHEREAS, draft copies of the 2004 FTIP and Air Quality Conformity Status were made available and members of the public were given a reasonable opportunity to

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review the draft 2004 FTIP and a public hearing was held to present the recommended 2004 FTIP and take testimony from the public; and

WHEREAS, all projects proposed for federal funding or approval under Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations and the Federal Transit Act must be included in a transportation improvement program; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 FTIP is financially constrained and funds needed to complete the 2004 FTIP are reasonably expected to be available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors amends the 2004 FTIP to include the changes identified in Attachment A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that the 2004 FTIP is consistent with, and one and the same as, the 2001 RTP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors finds that development of the 2004 FTIP, is made in accordance with public involvement procedures originally adopted by SBCAG on November 10, 1994 and updated on March 24, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adoption of the 2004 FTIP constitutes the Intergovernmental Review Procedures for those projects listed in the Biennial Element. The 2004 FTIP approval does not constitute project level design or environmental approval which is conducted separately according to state and federal regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the inclusion of any federally-funded projects in the 2004 FTIP, including all amendments, constitutes the federal project selection procedures for Santa Barbara County, and any projects programmed in the FTIP may proceed to implementation without further project selection action by SBCAG.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SBCAG's approval of the 2004 FTIP including all amendments also constitutes the federal transit "designated recipient" approval of all

grant applications filed by the transit operators that are consistent with the FTIP project programming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that minor modifications as specified in the 2004 FTIP will be handled as administrative amendments that may be approved at the discretion of the SBCAG Executive Director and that all other amendments require formal approval of the SBCAG Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SBCAG has executed a Comprehensive Transportation Planning Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Caltrans excluding rehabilitation and safety projects from the FTIP as provided in said MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2004 FTIP is the applicable FTIP for Santa Barbara County and supersedes all preceding FTIPs and their amendments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SBCAG Board of Directors certifies that the urban transportation planning process is being carried on with applicable federal requirements as described in the "Statewide Planning; Metropolitan Planning; Rule" dated October 28, 1993.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February 2005 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Centeno, Firestone, Rose; Mayors Alvarez, Blum, DeWees, Hicks; Councilmembers Baca, Jordan, Mariscal, Wallis.


NOES: None.


ABSENT: Supervisors Carbajal and Gray.

ABSTAIN: None.

ATTEST:

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Jim Kemp
Executive Director
Santa Barbara County
Association of Governments

Dick DeWees
Chair
Santa Barbara County
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kevin E. Ready, Sr.
Deputy County Counsel

Attachment "A"

2004 FTIP Project - Two additional Route 10 bus runs

Figures in (\$000)

New Project

MPO ID # SLORTA1

Project Description - Two additional Route 10 bus runs from San Luis Obispo to Santa Maria

Agency	Project	Phase				Source of Funds	Total Project Cost
			2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	FTAS307	
San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority	Two additional Route 10 bus runs	PE					
		RW					
		CON	162	162		324	324
		Total	162	162		324	324

